

was presented to the Legislature at the last session, and
ted, as will be seen by a reference to the Journal of Pro-
ceedings, page 507. It was paid however, by the Executive;
the annual sum of fifty dollars has also been allowed, under
same resolution, from the year 1830 to the present time.
From the foregoing statement, it appears, that the acts for paying
civil list, passed generally in haste and near the close of the
session, admitted of a legal construction, different from the inten-
tion of the Legislature; that the act of 1823, to fix and make per-
manent the salaries of certain officers, has left the compensation of
these officers still doubtful; and that the discretion of the Execu-
tive, in the allowance of large and long standing claims, is with-
out proper limitation. The committee unanimously concur in this
report, and in the opinion that a law ought to be passed to regu-
late the salaries of those officers, whose compensation has been
heretofore uncertain; and to prevent the payment of old and
doubtful claims, without the consent of the Legislature. They
will, therefore, report a bill for that purpose.